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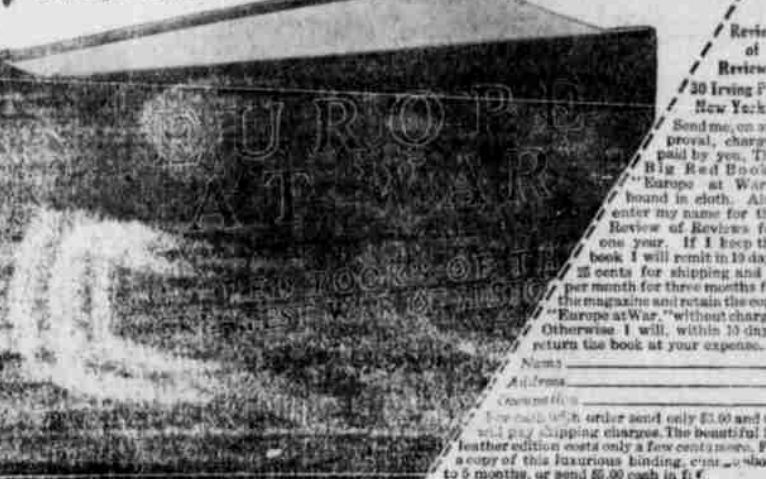
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## GOOD MARKET SQUABS

Best Breeding Stock Is an Essential to Success.

Runt Pigeon Is One of Largest, But Not as Prolific as Good Breeder or Feeder as Homer—Carneau Is Popular.

Prolific pigeons producing large squabs are commonly kept confined in pens, which involves proper housing and a flyway, or outside yard, covered with wire. Common pigeons, allowed their freedom, are less prolific and produce smaller squabs. A study of New York squab quotations shows that the price per dozen for dressed squabs falls rapidly as the weight goes down and the other departs from white. While prime white weighing ten pounds to the dozen brought \$3.75 per dozen in March, last year, in New York, six-pound squabs were not quoted above \$2 per dozen, while \$1.50 was the high price per dozen for dark squabs, and culls brought only five or six cents apiece.

Of the squab-raising varieties the Homer is considered the most popular



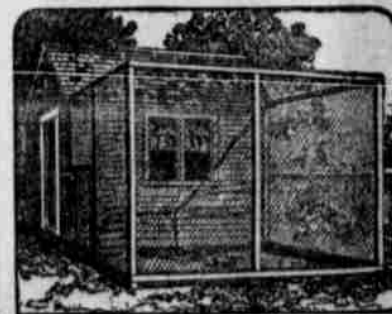
White Runt Female.

variety. The habit of this bird of returning home if allowed freedom makes it necessary to confine pigeons purchased from other lofts. The Carneau pigeon has recently become popular as a squab producer. This variety is somewhat larger than the Homer and it is stated is about as prolific. Several other varieties of pigeons larger than the Homer are used on a small scale in squab raising, especially in crossing with the Homer and Carneau to increase the size of squabs. The Runt is one of the largest but is not as prolific or as good a breeder or feeder as the Homer.

Some of the other varieties reported used as squab breeders are the Dragon, White Maltese or hen pigeon, the White King and common pigeon.

Good breeding stock is an essential of success in squab raising, but it is difficult to tell the age and sex of pigeons, and age is very important, it is necessary to buy from reliable breeders and preferably those who guarantee their product. Variety alone does not insure successful squab production. The birds differ individually and they should be selected for their productive power and vitality, for quality and size of their squabs and their ability to feed and rear offspring. Dark-colored skins, legs or beak indicate poor quality of flesh, bringing lower prices on markets. Care should be taken to select breeding birds which have white or pinkish white skin and light-colored legs.

Pigeons are most valuable as squab producers when from two to six years of age, although many will breed until they are about eight years old. The small varieties mate and breed at five to six months, and the large varieties at eight to nine months. It is advisable, therefore, to buy mated pigeons from two to three years old, or to secure young birds six to eight weeks old and tame them at the proper age. All squabs which are to be saved for breeding should be banded before they leave the nest and a careful record kept of their breeding. Squabs hatched



Expensive Buildings Not Necessary.

In April, May and June, when their value on the market is comparatively small, make good breeders. If a breeding pigeon dies its mate should be removed from the pen and a new mating made.

It is not necessary to put up an expensive building to start squab raising. The illustration shows how an old outbuilding may be utilized for pigeons by a beginner at trifling expense. The wire netting to form the flying pen in above picture cost \$1.25.

## DAMPNESS MUST BE AVOIDED

Dry Quarters Are Essential to Health and Growth of Little Ducklings and Chicks.

Dampness is sure to cause trouble among little chicks and little ducklings. They should not be allowed to get into or tip over their drinking water, or to sit down on a damp place in their brooder or yard. Dry quarters are essential to health and growth.

## CABLEGRAM LED TO ARREST

British Authorities Suspicious When Traveling Man Sent Message That They Did Not Understand.

How an American salesman with a German name, selling flour with a contraband brand in the Dutch East Indies, landed in a British jail at Singapore under suspicion of being a German agent, was related by Paul T. Carroll, who returned recently from a six months' tour of the Orient, states the San Francisco Chronicle.

"In Java I met Chester Fritz, a salesman for a flour mill, who was selling a brand known as 'Big Gun,' with a huge cannon on each sack to attract the native eye," he said. "Fritz booked an order for 1,000 sacks at Batavia. When he got to Singapore he cabled his firm as follows:

"Ship 1,000 Big Guns to Batavia."

"Fritz was arrested by the British about ten seconds after filing that cable, and was put in jail on suspicion of being a German agent.

"After two days of arguing and protesting, he persuaded the authorities to give him a chance to prove his innocence, which he did by finding a merchant who had some of the flour in stock. Fritz was released but he changed his cable to read 'sacks of flour' instead of 'Big Guns.'"

## SORE AT WASTE OF MONEY

Old Skinfint Felt He Had a Kick Coming, and Proceeded to Register It Accordingly.

Being economical is an excellent virtue, but old Skinfint had practiced this quality to such an extent that with him it had become almost a vice. His wife was sometimes driven almost to the verge of distraction by his meanness. The climax came when they moved into a new house. When old Skinfint was out, his wife thought she would repaper the walls of the drawing room so as to make it look attractive and pretty. But when Skinfint saw it he nearly had a fit.

"I don't dislike the pattern or the color," he gasped, purple with rage, "but I do object to the way you have put it on. You extravagant woman!" he cried, "how dare you paste it on?"

"Why, how else could I have done it?" meekly answered his wife.

"How else?" he retorted. "You should have tacked it on. You don't suppose we shall always live in this house, do you?"—London Tit-Bits.

## THE HARVARD REGIMENT.

The tramp of a thousand men marching in the Harvard regiment answered many a challenge. Have college students, more and more favored by circumstance, become so lost in seeking personal comfort and private success that they have no time for unselfish service? The regiment's regular ranks and its well-ordered marching told of many hours devoted to drill in the midst of busy weeks in winter and spring. From the day of their enlistment to their final review the men have worked conscientiously to serve not themselves but their country. Has Harvard's tradition of restraint, which makes other colleges wonder sometimes at what they call a Harvard indifference, not only curbed but also broken the university spirit? The regiment silenced such questions. Its manly bearing met the test of Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood's searching eye; the men's vigorous step and resolute faces gave weakness the lie and scouted indifference. —Boston Transcript.

## LITERAL INFORMATION.

"Do you suffer much with the heat in summer?"

"Well, much more, as a rule, than I do at any other time."

## HIS USE.

"What are all those bull terriers on that vessel for?"

"I guess they need 'em for the dog watches."

## IN ONE WAY.

"Is automobiling a paying business?"

"It ought to be. It certainly does raise the dust."

## THE WORM TURNS.

"How much are your four-dollar shoes?" asked the smart one.

"Two dollars a foot," replied the salesman warily.—Judge.

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## Cause for Humility.

A woman with a monkey pet ought to be humble; the sight of it must remind her of the days when her ancestors scampered about in the trees.

## Mohammed's Warning.

"Beware," said Mohammed to his followers, "of marrying a toadstool woman, a woman that sits and sits, and spends all thy substance on Jewels and perfumes and rich stuffs."